



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 125,000 in California.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 52,200 in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

California: 186.2 **National:** 202.3

California ranks 43rd highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 14,400 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in California.
- 13,200 men and women will die of lung cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	California	National
Overall	48.9	56.8
White	50.4	56.7
Black	64.6	66.4
Hispanic	23.3	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	30.0	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	24.8	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 21,100 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in California.
- 4,000 women will die of breast cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	California	National
Overall	26.5	27.7
White	27.6	27.2
Black	34.9	35.9
Hispanic	16.6	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.4	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	10.2	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 13,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in California.
- 5,000 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	California	National
Overall	18.5	21.2
White	18.5	20.7
Black	26.4	28.5
Hispanic	12.6	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	14.2	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	7.3	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 20,500 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in California.
- 2,700 men will die of prostate cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	California	National
Overall	29.4	32.9
White	29.5	30.2
Black	62.6	73.0
Hispanic	22.5	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.8	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	14.2	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. California death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.